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SUMMARY: SC MAY 31 ADOPTED DRAFT RESOLUTION WELCOMING ISRAELI-SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT (REFTEL), WHICH US AND USSR COSPONSORED. VOTE WAS 13-0-0, CHINA AND IRAQ ABSTAINING. MOST
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DELEGATIONS WELCOMED AGREEMENT AND WARMLY PRAISED SECRETARY'S

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UNTIRING EFFORTS IN ACHIEVING IT. EXCEPTION WAS USSR, WHICH
STRESSED INTERIM NATURE OF AGREEMENT AND IMPLIED IT WAS MAINLY
RESULT OF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR SYRIA. BRITISH STATED FORCE COULD
NOT BE UNILATERALLY WITHDRAWN DURING DURATION OF ITS MANDATE.
648- AND ISRAEL SPOKE BRIEFLY AND WITHOUT RANCOR. END SUMMARY.
1. US AND USSR, AS COSPONSORS, INTRODUCED RESOLUTION IN
STATEMENTS PRIOR TO VOTE. (TEXT OF AMB SCALI'S SPEECH BEING
SENT SEPTEL). USSR PERMREP MALIK'S STATEMENT AND TWO MAIN
THEMES. FIRST WAS THAT DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WAS ONLY A STEP--
AND BY IMPLICATION A FAIRLY SMALL ONE -- ON THE ROAD TO GENERAL
MIDDLE EAST SETTELEMENT. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF GENERAL SETTLEMENT
WERE TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO 1967 BOUNDARIES AND ENSURING
LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. SECONDLY, MALIK
STRESSED CLOSE AND ENDURING NATURE OF SOVIET-SYRIAN TIES.
IN INTERVENTION AT END OF DEBATE, AFTER SYG DELIVERED STATEMENT
ON INITIAL DEPLOYMENT OF UNDOF (SEPTEL), MALIK RAISED SOME
OF HIS FAVORITE PEACEKEEPING THEMES. HE EXPRESSED DESIRE
THAT NEITHER SIZE NOT COST OF TATAL MIDDLE EAST FORCE
EXCEED PRESENT LEVELS. HE SUGGESTED THAT MOST EFFECTIVE
ECONOMY WOULD BE DRASTIC REDUCTION OF CANADIAN CONTINGENT.
CANADIANS WERE PRIME TARGET FOR REDUCTION SINCE THEY ALREADY
EXCEED BY FOUR HUNDRED MEN LEVEL AUTHORIZED BY SC (SIC).
SC PRESIDENT (KENYA) ADROITLY TURNED MALIK ASIDE BY SAYING
HE HAD NO DOUBT SOVIET RESERVATIONS WOULD BE NOTED BY
SYG.
2. UK PERMREP RICHARD PRAISED US-SOVIET JOINT COMMITMENT FOR
MIDDLE EAST PEACE, AS DEMONSTRATED BY COSPONSORSHIP OF
RESOLUTION. RICHARD WENT ON THE CONGRATULATE SECRETARY KISSINGER
FOR "REMARKABLE PART HE HAS PLAYED IN ACHIEVING THIS AGREEMENT."
ON QUESTION OF UNILATERAL TERMINATION OF FORCE, RICHARD SAID
FOLLOWING: "WE WERE ALSO GLAD TO NOTE THE SYG HAS SET UP
THIS FORCE ON THE BASIS OF THE SAME GENERAL PRINCIPLES AS
THOSE GOVERNING THE UNEF. WE THINK THIS IS RIGHT. THIS
MEANS THAT THE NEW FORCE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE FUNCTIONING ON
THE SAME BASIS AS UNEF AND THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, SO LONG AS THE
AUTHORITY WHICH WE HAVE GIVEN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
FORCE REMAINS OPERATIVE, IT WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN WITHOUT
A DECISION OF THE SC TO THAT EFFECT."
3. FRANCE WELCOMED AGREEMENT WITH "GREATEST SATISFACTION."
IT WISHED PARTICULATLY "TO PAY TRIBUTE TO UNITED STATES
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THROUGH SECRETARY KISSINGER,WHOSEUNTIRING EFFORTS OVERCAME GREAT
DIFFICULTIES. " WHILE GENERALLY IN FAVOR OF AGREEMENT, FRANCE
HAD THREE RESERVATIONS: (A) SC WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE" ALL
MODALITIES" OF NEW PEACEKEEPING FORCE, (B) IT HOPED SYG
WOULD SOON PROVIDE INFO ON FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS OF NEW FORCE
AND SEEK SC APPROVAL IF FURTHER CONTINGENTS WERE REQUIRED
AND (C) AS BEFORE, FRANCE CONTINUED TO CONSIDER EXCLUSION OF
PERMANENT MEMBERS UNWISE.

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4. CHINA AND IRAQ MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS EXPLAINING THEIR REASONS FOR NOT PARTICIPATING IN VOTE. ALL OTHER SC MEMBERS WELCOMED AGREEMENT, AND MOST HAD WARM WORDS OF PRAISE FOR SECRETARY'S ROLE IN BRINGING IT ABOUT.
5. SYRIA AND ISRAEL DELIVERED SHORT, LOW-KEY STATEMENTS AT CONCLUSION OF DEBATE. SYRIA EMPHASIZED THAT AGREEMENT WAS IN ITS VIEW BASED ON PARA 1 OF SC RES 338, AND THAT 338 IN TURN WAS FOUNDED ON TWO PRINCIPLES: (A) WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM ALL TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND (B) SAFEGUARDING OF LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF PALESTINIANS.
ISRAEL DEL, AFTER INDIACTING ITS AGREEMENT WITH RESOLUTION, EXPRESSED ISRAEL'S "WARMEST THANKS" TO SECRETARY KISSINGER.
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